

BARKER'S LAWYER FIGHTS

Evidence Relating to the Shooting Stubbornly Opposed

**The Counsel for the Assailant of the
Rev. John Keller Begins a Strange
Legal Battle—No Sensational De-
tails. Brought Out That He**

NEW YORK, June 17.—The case of the State of New Jersey against Thomas G. Barker, charged with feloniously assaulting the Rev. John Kellar at Arlington, N. J., on February 3 last, began before Judge John A. Blair, in the court of general sessions, Jersey City, at 10 o'clock this morning.

With perhaps the single exception of the Bosschiet murder in Paterson last fall, and the trial of the four participants in that affair, no criminal event in New Jersey in years has attracted greater

YET WITH all the intensity of feeling which, in New York, would have meant days if not weeks in getting a jury, it was just thirty-five minutes—after the first juror's name was called in the old-

and Prosecutor Erwin was ready to begin his opening of the case. Of course the one question in everybody's mind at the opening was, if the real question involved in the controversy would be brought out in the evidence.

This was not whether Mr. Barker had committed a savage assault upon the Rev. John Keller. Everybody in his own mind was convinced of that. The point was whether the rules of evidence would per-

which Mr. Barker, in her own home, and when all but distracted with shame and physical prostration, is alleged to have told her husband, the story, in a word, that was the motive for the crime.

the lawyers' questions with keen attention, to see if from them they could gather an inkling, in attack or defence, of anything that bore on this point. But it was a vain vigil. When the last witness left the stand and court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the spectators were as far at sea as when the case opened. They were even more bewildered.

The one thing that everybody had been sure would happen did not happen. Mar-

Barker, did not make merely a feint at confuting the fact of the assault itself. On the contrary, with all the devices and contentions known to the mystery of legal fencing, he fought apparently with sheer desperation every scrap of testimony that

Witness after witness testified to seeing Mr. Barker in the act of shooting. Other witnesses testified to seeing him

ness testified to running after him, catching up with him, and hearing from his own lips the confession that he had shot Mr. Keller, and that he was only sorry he had not killed him. These wit-

THE PRICE OF COAL GOES UP.
New York Dealers Agree on an Advance of Twenty-five Cents.
NEW YORK, June 17.—The retail price of coal was advanced 25 cents a ton today.

In addition to the advance which went into operation today it was resolved also to add another 25 cents a ton on September 1st and another 25 cents a ton on October 1st.

holders, therefore, will be compelled after the latter day to pay an additional 75 cents a ton beyond the price which prevailed prior to today, despite the fact that there is no stringency in the supplies and that freights are easier than they have been for a long time past.

purpose of the wholesalers to recoup themselves for the losses sustained during the strike in the anthracite fields a year ago. According to information obtained from some of the large retail firms

prices since April 1 10 cents a ton a month, and it is to meet this additional cost that the retailers have determined upon the advances named.

No Tidings Received of the Overdue White Wings.
TACOMA, Wash., June 15.—The fishing schooner White Wings is reported to have been lost between the north end of

stores, and twenty persons are said to have been drowned. Four days ago the schooner was three weeks overdue at Petersburg, in the Wrangel Narrows, where she has been employed searching for the lost *St. Lawrence*.

The White Wings left Seattle last month for Petersburg with a crew of sixteen men. She had aboard four other men engaged to work in a cannery at Petersburg. Henry Smith, who arrived

The White Wings was of only forty tons register and not built for rough weather.

side passage, where she would be exposed to severe west winds. The schooner was built at Seattle two years ago and has been fishing continuously in Alaskan waters until early in May, when she returned for repairs.

The Man Who Deserted to the Filipinos Shot in Battle.
PHOENIX, Ariz., June 17.—A private letter received here announces the kill-

Eberhardt, who before the war was a concert soloist in the Washington Marine

B. & O. Week End Country Trips.
 Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays, for
 until following Monday, at reduced rates, from
 Washington to Charlottesville, Frederick, Annapo-
 lis and other points. Tickets valid only on Saturdays and Sundays.

Sales for fire, life and burglar proof vaults, 85 year up. Union Trust & Storage Co., 1114 F st.